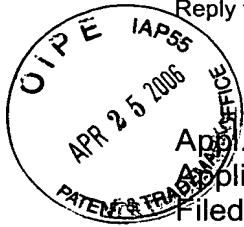


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 15, 2006. The three month period for responding to the Office Action expired on March 15, 2006. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for two month(s), to May 15, 2006. A check for \$580.00 is enclosed covering the \$450.00 extension of time fee and \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer filing fee.

The following remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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